GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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TAMP
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring minor ports under the Tariff Authority for Major Ports(TAMP) as recommended by C. Babu Rajiv Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also propose to shift the TAMP Office from Delhi to Mumbai; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) & (b): The Committee headed by Shri C. Babu Rajeev did not recommned bringing minor Ports under the jurisdiction of Tariff Authority for Major Ports(TAMP). However, while considering the issue relating to `Uniformity in Port Tariffs`, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport & Tourism has opined that a level playing field between Major Ports and State/Minor Ports does not exist, since only major ports come under the jurisdiction of regulatory authority while other ports do not. The Committee held that it is clearly a discrimination towards the Major Ports of the country, adversely affecting the competitive environment. The Committee, therefore, recommended that there should be the same regulation for all ports or, if that was not possible, then major ports should have liberty to fix port tariff on their own. The matter was also discussed in the 4th meeting of the Maritime States Development Council (MSDC) which recommended that a Task Force be constituted by the Ministry of Shipping to lookinto these aspects and make necessary recommendations so that major ports and comparable non-major ports may be subjected to similar regulations. The Ministry has also received representations from some quarters, opposing converting TAMP into an appellate authority as well as extending its jurisdiction to non-major ports. Govt. has not taken a final decision so far.

(c) & (d): While considering the proposal of this Ministry for location of headquarters of Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP), the Cabinet Committee of Accommodation (CCA) in its meeting held on 30.6.2000 approved the continuation of the Headquarter of TAMP till the expiry of the then existing 5 years lease with Sport Authority of India for accommodation at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. The CCA also directed that in the meantime this Ministry may consider relocation of TAMP in a Port City. Accordingly, TAMP office has since been shifted from Delhi to Mumbai with effect from 8.11.2002.